

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant	:	SAKA <i>et al.</i>	
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action bearing a mail date of July 2, 2008. This response is timely filed. In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding Restriction Requirement.

**SUMMARY OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Office Action restricted pending Claims 1-6 into Groups I-II, with Group I (Claims 1-4) drawn to a method of improving surface thermal shock and Group II (Claims 5-6) drawn to a member. The Examiner alleged that the pending claims are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

**PROVISIONAL ELECTION**

The Group II (Claims 5-6) is elected with traverse.